

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 19-40 will be pending. By this amendment, claims 1-7, and 9-18 have been canceled, and new claims 19-40 have been added.

§112 Rejection of Claims 1-7, and 9-18

On page 3, in Section 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-7, and 9-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As shown above, claims 1-7, and 9-18 have been canceled, thereby obviating the rejection thereof. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

§102 Rejection of Claims 1-6, and 9-18

On page 5, in Section 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-6, and 9-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over Iwamura (U.S. Patent 5,883,621; hereinafter referred to as "Iwamura"). This rejection is respectfully traversed below.

As shown above, claims 1-6, and 9-18 have been canceled, thereby obviating the rejection thereof. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

§103 Rejection of Claim 7

On page 11, in Section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwamura (U.S. Patent 5,883,621; hereinafter

referred to as "Iwamura") in view of Kimura (U.S. Patent 5,226,090; hereinafter referred to as "Kimura"). This rejection is respectfully traversed below.

As shown above, claim 7 has been canceled, thereby obviating the rejection thereof. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

New claims 19-40 have been added. As shown above, claim 19 calls for:

19. (New) An information signal transmission system, comprising:
a network interface connected to a first presentation device and to a second presentation device through a network;
a control component connected to said network interface;
an information signal component connected to said control component and to said network interface; and
an identification component connected to said control component;
wherein while said information signal component outputs an information signal to said first presentation device through said network interface, said identification component stores identification data indicating an identification code identifying a user,
when said control component receives a control request from said second presentation device through said network interface and said control request includes identification data indicating said identification code identifying said user, said identification component determines that the identification code of said identification data in said control request matches the identification code of said identification data stored by said identification component and sends a change device request to said control component, said change device request indicating said second presentation device, and
when said control component receives said change device request indicating said second presentation device, said control component causes said information signal component to begin to output said information signal to said second presentation device through said network interface.

Accordingly, in one aspect of claim 19, the system uses an identification code identifying a particular user (e.g., a person) to control outputting the information signal. The system uses the

identification code to switch from outputting the information signal to the first presentation device to outputting the information signal to the second presentation device. For example, in one implementation, the system stores an identification code identifying a user while the system is outputting a video signal to a first television. Later, the system receives from a second television a control request to switch to the second television and the control request includes the same identification code. When the system recognizes that the identification code is the same, the system changes to outputting the video signal to the second television. (See, e.g., Figures 3-7 of the present application.)

Were the arguments presented in rejecting claim 1 applied to new claim 19, it does not appear that these arguments would establish how Iwamura shows new claim 19. As discussed above, in claim 19, the system changes to which device the information signal is output based on identification data identifying a user. In the arguments presented against claim 1, it appears that the Examiner is addressing identification data identifying devices, not a user of a device. Therefore, it does not appear that these arguments would apply to claim 19, or to new claims 30 and 37 for similar reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with claims 19-40 is respectfully solicited.

In regard to the claims amended herein and throughout the prosecution of this application, it is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled. Furthermore, the cancellation of claims is not an admission or acquiescence regarding the rejections of those claims, and Applicants reserve the right to prosecute those claims at a later time.

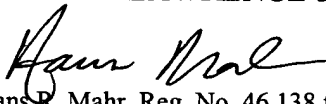
In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number written below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

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